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Quote of the Month

Just planting a tree is not going to fix things. Unfortunately, it is not that easy. The tree has to be the right tree in the right place for the right purpose, and there are steps needed to GROW the tree so the crown and canopy can contribute to our human needs. - *Gordon Mann, Consulting Arborist*

Are We Planting or *Growing* Trees?



The quote of the month highlights the attitude we should have when we plant trees. That is, if we expect the multitude of benefits that trees provide we need to plant, then care for, new and existing trees.

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Coordinator's Corner



Sarah runs with Rally NW - Team Mia

Memorial and commemorative tree planting programs help people celebrate or heal. They can provide a place for quiet contemplation, and add beauty to a community. The key to a successful program is careful planning.

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Kennewick Celebrates Its 100th Arbor Day!

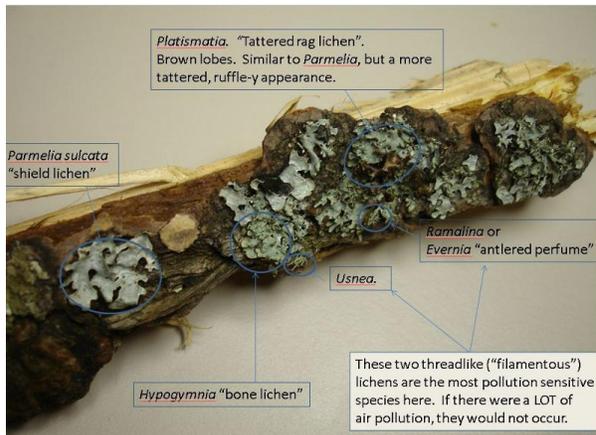


Marilyn and the Basin Bloomers Garden Club

The Mid-Columbia region has a strong history of planting and caring for trees. This year Kennewick celebrated its 100th Arbor Day and Tree City USA by planting trees and recognizing the many accomplishments of long-time resident and community tree advocate Marilyn Hyde.

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Forest Health



Liken' Lichens

Have you noticed things growing on your trees? If you said yes, your next question may be "Will they hurt my trees?" DNR Forest Health Program Manager Karen Ripley answers questions about trees and lichens.

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Community Forestry Assistance Grant Olympia's Tree Tract Program



Home Owner Associations are often assigned responsibility to care for trees in adjacent natural areas. The problem is, residents may not know of that responsibility or understand how to care for those trees in the "tree tract." The City of Olympia used Community Forestry Assistance grant funding to develop a booklet, "Tree Tract and Greenbelt Stewardship" to educate HOAs about caring for the trees in their back yard.

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A Regional Celebration

Spokane County Arbor Day Celebration & Tree City Recognition



Representatives from all seven of Tree City USA communities in Spokane County gathered at the Spokane Conservation District for a regional Arbor Day celebration on April 27th, National Arbor Day. Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark was on hand to present the Tree City USA awards and Avista Utility's first Tree Line USA award.

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Mayor Micki Harnoise of Rockford receives the city's first TCUSA award from Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark

Tree City USA Yelm Celebrates Its Sweet 16th!



Yelm's memorial tree sculpture

The City of Yelm celebrated its "Sweet 16" anniversary as a Tree City USA this year, unveiling a new memorial tree sculpture that will reside in the City Hall. The whole city was involved in the recognition ceremony and celebration.

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Community Art Event Seattle's Blue Trees



Blue Trees at Westlake, Photo: Mark Mead,
Seattle Parks

Australian artist Konstantin Dimopoulos raises awareness of deforestation by calling attention to trees in urban landscapes. His art installation arrived in Seattle this April as part of his international art installation, The Blue Trees; it should be visible for the next six months or more.

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Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

Just for fun. Check out this webpage: [trees found "growing around things."](#)

[A Million Trees? Only If We Can Keep Them Around.](#) This article by Leda Maritz, a certified arborist writing for the Next American City, takes a hard look at whether tree initiatives are living

up to our expectations.

[Why we grow trees](#): A study by the U.S. Forestry Service finds that trees in Tennessee's urban areas provide the state with environmental benefits valued at nearly \$640 million a year.

May Calendar of Events, Activities and Opportunities

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